

In the Claims:

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A mount for securing a sink within an opening in a countertop, said mount comprising:

a body portion having a first longitudinal axis, said body portion including:

a lip section having a second longitudinal axis disposed substantially parallel to said first longitudinal axis and a proximal and a distal region disposed along generally opposite ends of said second longitudinal axis;

a base section having a third longitudinal axis, wherein said proximal end of said lip section is secured to said base section such that said third longitudinal axis is disposed substantially perpendicular to said second longitudinal axis;

and

a leg section having a fourth longitudinal axis and proximal and a distal region disposed along generally opposite ends of said fourth longitudinal axis, wherein said proximal region of said leg section is secured to said base section such that said fourth longitudinal axis is disposed

substantially parallel to said second longitudinal axis and
wherein said distal region of said lip section and said
distal region of said leg section are disposed along
generally opposite ends of said first longitudinal axis;
means for securing said body portion to said sink prior to
installation of said sink in said countertop opening;

a flexible sink engagement section including:

a first ~~section~~ portion having a first end disposed
proximate said distal region of said leg section a ~~first~~ end of
said body portion; and

a second portion having a first end disposed proximate a
second end of said ~~first portion~~ section, said second
portion ~~section~~ having a tip adapted to engage a substantially
vertical face of said countertop opening when said sink is
disposed within said countertop opening, wherein said flexible
sink engagement section is configured to deflectably engage
against said vertical face of said countertop opening such that ~~+~~
and

~~means biasing said flexible sink engagement section from an~~
~~unbiased position wherein said flexible sink engagement section is~~
disposed at a first angle relative to ~~a~~ said first longitudinal

axis of said body portion when in to an unstalled, biased
position wherein said flexible sink engagement section is biased
against said vertical face of said countertop opening and is
disposed at a second angle relative to said longitudinal axis of
said body portion when in said installed position, wherein said
second angle is less than said first angle.

24. (Currently Amended) The mount as claimed in claim 23
wherein said means for securing includes:

a channel engagement section proximate a second end of said
body portion having a first aperture disposed through said base
section, said channel engagement section sized and shaped to
engage an outer surface of a channel disposed proximate a lip
portion of said sink; and

a fastener adapted to be disposed through said first
aperture, said fastener having a head portion adapted to engage
said sink channel.

25. (Currently Amended) The mount as claimed in claim 23-24
wherein said means for securing further includes a second aperture
disposed through said flexible sink engagement section along said

first longitudinal axis of said body, wherein at least one said
fastener is adapted to pass through said first and said second
apertures.

26. (Currently Amended) The mount as claimed in claim 23 wherein
said base section includes a proximal and a distal region disposed
along generally opposite ends of said third longitudinal axis,
wherein said lip section is secured to said proximal region of
said base section and said leg section is secured to said distal
region of said base section~~means for securing~~ includes an
adhesive.

27. (Currently Amended) The mount as claimed in claim 23
wherein said base section includes a proximal and a distal region
disposed along generally opposite ends of said third longitudinal
axis, wherein said first and said leg sections are secured to said
proximal region of said base section~~means for securing~~ includes
forming said body portion as part of said sink.

28. (Currently Amended) The mount as claimed in claim 23
wherein ~~said first section~~lip section is disposed at an angle (A1)

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relative to said body portion, wherein said angle (A1) is between about 30 and about 60 degrees in said unbiased position.

29. (Currently Amended) The mount as claimed in claim 23
wherein said second portion is disposed at an angle (A2) relative
to said ~~first section~~lip section, wherein said angle (A2) is
between about 15 and about 30 degrees in said unbiased position.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a sink within an opening in a countertop, said opening having at least one side, said method comprising:

securing at least one mount to said sink prior to inserting said sink within said opening in said countertop;

inserting said sink with said at least one mount within said opening in said sink; and

biasing a flexible sink engagement section of said at least one mount directly against said at least one side of said opening in said countertop without interposing material such that said flexible sink engagement section contacts said at least one side of said opening in said countertop, wherein said flexible sink engagement section is initially disposed at an angle relative (A1) relative to said sink wherein said biasing reduces said angle (A1); and

~~engaging said at least one side of said opening with said flexible sink engagement section such that said sink is secured to said countertop.~~

32. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 31 wherein said act of securing said at least one mount to said

sink further includes inserting a head of a fastener into a channel disposed on a lip of said sink.

33. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 31 wherein said act of securing said at least one mount to said sink further includes securing said mount to said sink with an adhesive layer.

34. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 31 wherein said act of securing said at least one mount to said sink further includes forming said mount as single part of said sinkmount includes:

~~a body portion adapted to be secured to said sink; and~~
~~a first sectionlip section having a first end disposed proximate a first end of said body portion; and~~
~~a second portion disposed proximate a second end of said first sectionlip section, said second portion engaging a substantially vertical face of said opening in said countertop when said sink is disposed within said opening in said countertop.~~